



## National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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### **NAESV Awarded \$500,000 to Establish Sexual Assault Capacity Building Center**

On September 29, 2023, the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announced awards totaling \$9.85 million from the Office on Family Violence and Prevention to support 39 new competitive discretionary grants.

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) was awarded \$500,000 as one of two sexual assault capacity building centers that will work nationwide to build and sustain trauma-informed and developmentally sensitive and relevant services for those affected by sexual assault and other traumas. This discretionary grant program will build upon the progress of community-based sexual assault and domestic violence programs in reducing the pervasive and harmful impact of violence and trauma by implementing trauma-informed services for individuals and families. NAESV looks forward to collaborating with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, a division of Respect Together, also funded through this program and continued collaboration with Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Centers: Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Mujeres Latinas en Acción, the National Asian and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence, and the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault.

“We’re excited about this important opportunity to work more closely with the Office on Family Violence and Prevention at HHS. So many people are impacted by sexual violence, and survivors need and deserve trauma-informed healing services. We think this is a significant step forward in our collective commitment to grow and strengthen those services,” said NAESV CEO & President Monika Johnson Hostler

“The new awards build a stronger public health response to violence, trauma and abuse, increasing safe and equitable access to survivor-centered, trauma-informed interventions for adults, children, youth and individuals impacted by dating violence, family violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault every day in this country,” said ACF Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services Director Shawndell Dawson.